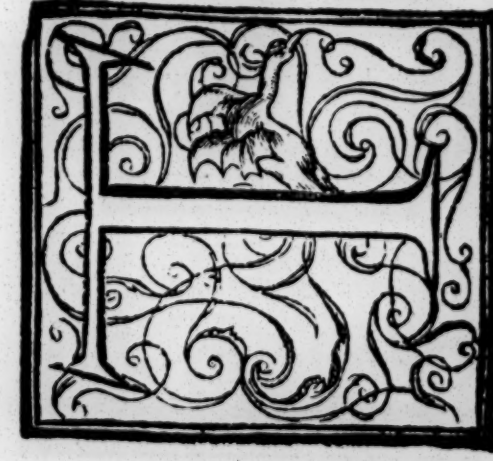


# ORDERS CONCEIVED BY the Lords of his Maiesties Priuie Counsell, and by.

his Highnesse speciall direction, commanded to be put in execution, for the restraint of killing, and eating of *Flesh this next Lent, and to bee executed aswell by the Lord Maior within the Citie and Suburbs of London, and by the Officers of the Liberties and exempt places in and about the same, as by order to bee prescribed by the Lords Lieutenants of all the Counties of the Realme, to the Iustices of Peace, Lords of Liberties, and Officers of Corporate Townes.*

29. Ianuary, in the eight yeere of his Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie vnderstanding of the great disorders heretofore, and especially the last Lent, committed in killing and eating flesh in the time of Lent, chiefly in the Citie of London, and the Liberties thereto adioynning, straitly chargeth and commandeth, That these Orders following be obserued and put in execution.

**F**irst there shall be onely eight Butchers licensed by the Lord Maior within the Citie of London, viz. foure in Eastcheape, and foure in S. Nicholas Shambles, who shall be of the poozer sort, and shall not pay any thing for their Licenses, nor ioyne with them any partners.

That euery of the said Butchers so to be licensed within the said Citie & Liberties thereof, do vtter and sell in their open Shops, in such sort as in open time they are accustomed to doe, and at such Rates and Prices as shalbe set down by Order of the Lord Maior of London for that Citie, and the Liberties thereof: And besides, euery Butcher shall keepe a perfect Booke what quantitie of flesh they kill euery day, and of what kinds, and to what persons they sell and vtter the same, and the said Butchers to certifie the Lord Maior, to the end the Lords of his Maiesties Priuie Counsell may be informed by him, how the Lawes and Statutes in this behalfe prouided, are obserued within the said Citie and Liberties thereof.

That there be Licensed to kill and vtter flesh in the Suburbs of the said Citie, as in the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey neere vnto London, onely eight Butchers, And these to be Licensed by the Iustices within the seuerall Limits, whereof two to be of the Quorum, That is, Two without Smithfelde Barres in the Parish of S. Dunlchres, or Clarketonwell, or one of them, One in whitcrosse street, One in Porton Folgate, One in whittechappel, One in S. Kathernes, Two in Southwarke; And for the Citie of westminster, and the Liberties thereof, as also for the Liberties of the Duchie of Lancaster, five Butchers, That is, Two without Temple Barre, in the Parish of S. Clement Danes, in the Liberties of the saide Duchie, and three in the Citie of westminster and the Liberties thereof, to be Licensed by the chiefe Officers of those Liberties, and those to bee (as is before expressed) of the poozer sort inhabiting in those places, And to bee licensed without any money, or other consideration to be giuen for the same, & to be bound to obserue the like Orders in euery respect, as those that are to bee appointed for London, and the Clarke of the Market, Officer and Justice, there to see them, and to set the prices of the victuall to be vttered in those places.

That no person be permitted to kill or sell any flesh, but to those that are licensed, nor in any other place then before is specified, vpon paine to forfeit the flesh to be giuen to the pooze in the prisons, and to suffer imprisonment.

That the Constables, Churchwardens, and other publike Officers be authorized in London, & the Liberties thereof, by the Lord Maior, and the Iustices in the Counties of Middlesex and Surrey, and the forenamed Officers in westminster, to make search, and to see that the Licensed Butchers, nor any other doe kill or vtter any flesh, nor doe any thing contrary to these orders.

And for the better knowledge of the truth of disorders in this kind, & redresse of the inconueniences, the Lord Maior of London, & euery other Officer here appointed, shall call before them, and send for any of the seruants of any Inholders, Victuallers, Cookes, Lauerners, and keepers of ordina-



Tables, and such other that utter Victuals, to examine them vpon their corporall Matthes, what Flesh is, or hath bene during the Lent season, dressed, killed, vttered, or eaten in their houses, which if they shall refuse to doe, then to commit to prison the said seruants so refusing vpon their Matthes to declare the truth.

That the Lord Maior himselfe shall grant no warrant for buying of flesh in Lent, but to such as shall haue or shew to him licence in writing, according to the Lawes of the Realme to eatc flesh, and the same Licence to be viewcd and Registred, and Bookes to be kept thereof, to bee shewed when the same shalbe required, vntill it be to Ambassadors and Agents for foraine Princes.

That the Lord Maior shall now presently before Lent, or at the beginning thereof, call all Inholders, keepers of Ordinary Tables, Victuallers, Alehouse keepers, and Tavernors within the Citie and Liberties thereof to appeare before him, or such persons as he shall appoint meete for that purpose, and shall take Bonds with sufficient Sureties of euery of them in good summes of money, viz. one hundred pound the principall, & the Sureties thirty pound apiece to his Maiesties vse, not to dresse any flesh in their houses this Lent time for any respect, nor suffer it to be eaten, except it bee for some such person that lyeth in their house, that also hath Licence through sicknesse, or other necessary cause to eatc flesh. Also like bonds shalbe taken of the Boulters, not to vtter any Poultry ware, but to such as shall be likewise licenced to eatc flesh, and that such as will not giue such Bonds, that they be secluded from al vtrance of Victuals during the Lent season, excepting those Boulters that do ordinarily serue his Maiesties Household, of whom like Bonds shalbe taken by his Maiesties Officers of the Greencloth: the like bonds with Sureties shall be taken of the like persons vpon like penalties by the chiefe Officer of the Exchequer, and the liberties thereof.

As for the Butchers & other that come with Victuals of flesh out of the Country to the Citie, the Lord Maior shall cause certaine persons to watch at the Gates, and other like places in the Suburbes, where flesh may be brought in, to view and intercept the same. The Carriers of the said Victuals of flesh if any shall be taken, to be guided to the persons houses that haue licence, and this watch to be continued daily during the whole time of Lent: And if any of those watchmen be found negligent and corrupt in his charge, then he to be committed to prison, there to continue during the whole Lent. And in case the same shall be found to be brought to any person not warranted, or licenced to eatc it as aforesaid, then the same to be forfeited and sold at the direction of the Lord Maior for the vse of the poore in the Hospitals and prisons in the Citie, and the bringers to be imprisoned.

As for that it is to be doubted that the Fishmongers, vpon the obseruation of the said Orders, will take occasion thereby to inhanse the prices as well of fresh as of Sea fish, it is thought meete that the Lord Maior shall take order with the said Fishmongers, that as well the fault as fresh fish shall be vttered at reasonable prices.

That euery of the Butchers to be licensed as aforesaid, be bound in a sufficient Bond with good Sureties to his Maiesties vse, to obserue these orders in euery respect, and these bonds to be taken by the Lord Maior, and other the officers aforesaid.

As for as those orders are expressely deuised to be executed in the Citie of London, and places nere to the same: so his Maiesties pleasure & commandement is, that the execution of these or like orders be performed by the Commandement of his Maiesties Lieutenants to be sent to the Iustices of peace in all Shires within their Rule, and to all other Officers in Townes Corporate, or in any Liberties, with like order for the Bonds to be taken to his Maiesties vse.

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